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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 121773

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ET

SUBJECT: ARREST OF ATTORNEY TEFERI BERHANE

REF: ADDIS ABABA 5274

1. DEPARTMENT PRINCIPAL HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM PROMINENT AMERICAN ATTORNEY CONCERNING ARREST OF TEFERI BERHANE. LETTER INDICATES THAT WRITER HAD HEARD REPORT THAT TEFERI ARRESTED BECAUSE HE HAD "DEFENDED SOME OF THOSE ACCUSED OF VARIOUS CRIMES BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT." REFTEL INDICATES THAT HE WAS ARRESTED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO FLEE COUNTRY.

2. IN VIEW OF HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST IN CASE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED, IF POSSIBLE, TO PROVIDE FURTHER BACKGROUND ON REASONS FOR ATTEMPTED ESCAPE AND REPORT ON CURRENT DISPOSITION OF CASE. KISSINGER

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